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## LEAD PARTY.

**Johnson May Be Campaign Chairman.**

**Bryan Said To Be Favorable To Him**

**As Manager Of The Fight In Kentucky.**

**WATTERSON WILL MEET NOMINEE.**

Special Correspondence.)

Louisville, Ky., July 24.—It wouldn't surprise me to see the Hon. Ben Johnson named as chairman of the Democratic Campaign Committee for Kentucky. Mr. Johnson has long been known as a shrewd organizer, an astute politician and a resourceful manager, a combination of qualifications which in themselves would recommend him for such a position.

It is said that Congressman Ollie James suggested Mr. Johnson to William J. Bryan as a suitable man to lead the fight in Kentucky, and that the suggestion was regarded as a capital one, both by Mr. Bryan and Henry Watterson, who is very much in Mr. Bryan's confidence. It is understood that Mr. Johnson, while not willing to make a fight for the place at the head of the campaign committee, would regard his selection as a great honor, and would give the duties of the position his whole attention until the November election. It is believed, moreover, that the fact that Mr. Bryan and Mr. Watterson both think well of Mr. Johnson as chairman of the committee, will have great weight with the committee, and that they will see the wisdom of selecting Mr. Johnson for the position.

Mr. Bryan knows Mr. Johnson personally, and I have heard he is very anxious to have him elected chairman. Of course, neither Mr. Bryan nor Mr. Watterson would assume to dictate who should be selected as chairman, and the committeemen are well aware of that fact, but since the suggestion of Mr. Johnson's name came from Mr. James, who was a wheelhorse at the convention which named the committee, it is believed the members will fall very readily into line.

Henry Watterson has gone to Chicago to meet W. J. Bryan for a conference upon the general conduct of the coming campaign. Mr. Bryan goes to Chicago to be present at a meeting of the national committeemen tomorrow, and invited Mr. Watterson to run up for the day, that they might exchange notes and map out the conduct of affairs with the National Committee present.

I'm going to get back to granite blocks. I'm not doing this because I'm hard-headed, but because granite blocks promise to be the undoing of the present Republican administration. You will remember that I called attention to the granite contract in Louisville a few weeks ago and said that something would probably happen. It did. The members of the Republican Board of Works, who were out of town when the blow off came, hastened back to straighten out the muddle. They found that the contractor for whom they had been the apologists, had been hauled into court on the charge of trying to bribe one of the aldermen, and it happened to be the alderman who had been making trouble, both for the contractor and the board. In a long statement, given out by the board, they said that they couldn't afford to require a strict adherence to the specifications because future contracts would cost the city too much. That statement was hardly cold before the board announced that they would proceed with the work of laying block streets, but would require a strict adherence to

the specifications. One of the other funny things in the statement was the admission, by the board, that they didn't know anything about the duties they were appointed to perform. Now isn't that a likely bunch of office holders and public servants appointed to safeguard the interests of the city? They are reform Republicans, too.

Between us, now, what do you think of a large, healthy 300 pound man like Taft, candidate of a trust-busted party, running up to Oyster Bay with his speech in his pocket to ask another man whether he will be permitted to deliver it. Wouldn't it be h-h-h-horrible, if Teddy told him he didn't like the speech, and ordered him to write another? If Taft should be elected, should, mind you—how do you think he would be able to get along while Mr. Roosevelt was chasing in Africa. I inquire to know.

INSIDER.

## Building On Boom All Over The City.

**CONTRACTS ALREADY LET FOR THREE HANDSOME NEW RESIDENCES.**

Building is on the boom in Frankfort and much new work is being done. Houses are going up all over town, and there seems to be a sort of substantial boom in the real estate business. Now that the new capitol is finished and fixed here for good, people are willing to invest their money and buy homes.

William Lewis has let a contract to T. F. Matthews for the erection of a two-story and an attic brick dwelling at Shelby and Campbell, and work will be begun at once. The house is to be handsome and will contain large rooms.

Mrs. K. W. Buckley has broken ground for a two-story brick residence on South Ann street. Ernest Collins is the contractor and this residence will be a handsome addition to the street.

A. T. Kirtley has bought a lot 40 by 150 feet, on Steele street, and will erect on it a two-story frame house, containing eight rooms.

## Narrow Escape In Elevator Accident.

**OLLIE POYNTZ AND W. H. BAILEY DOP THIRTY FEET AT McCLEURE BUILDING.**

Ollie T. Poyntz and W. H. Bailey, of the contracting firm of Bailey & Koerner, had a narrow escape from death or serious injury the first part of the week, when an elevator in the new McCleure building dropped with them. They were coming down on the elevator, which is used to haul up building material. When the second story was reached, the lift dropped suddenly and fell some thirty feet to the ground. Only Mr. Poyntz and Mr. Bailey were on the lift. They were considerably jolted, but no bones were broken and both were but little the worse for the exciting ride.

Mr. Poyntz has accepted the position of manager for Bailey & Koerner and is now actively in charge on the building which is being erected by the firm.

## Handsome Silver For New Bridegroom.

Employees of the State Auditor's office this afternoon presented a set of silver knives and forks and table spoons to A. M. Walsh, who recently married. Mr. Walsh is from Mercer county, and was married only a few days ago. He just returned from his wedding tour. This afternoon he was called into the Auditor's private office, where Judge F. H. French presented him with the silver set. Judge French made a few appropriate remarks and on behalf of the men in the office extended to Mr. Walsh, with the silver, the esteem and best wishes of them all. Mr. Walsh replied and said the only thing he could say was that the food to be eaten with the silver was always at the service of any of the men associated with him in the Auditor's office.

## POT IS HOT

**Soon Begin To Boil In This County.**

**Politics Claiming Attention Of Voters.**

**Commonwealth's Attorney Race Lively One.**

**R. C. HEATT EARLY IN FIELD.**

The political pot in Frankfort, which is usually at the boiling point, or near it, is beginning to heat up already, and there is good prospect that the boiling point will soon be reached. Judge James Polsgrove is going to start the ball rolling good and proper by his announcement as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Commonwealth's attorney in this district, to succeed Col. Robert Franklin. The latter is a candidate, too, but has not officially announced yet. He probably will announce, now that Judge Polsgrove is out as a candidate. Then the race for the Legislature is attracting attention, and James Buford has announced. Others may come in to make things lively. Then there is the congressional race, with a sharp fight between Campbell Cantrill and the present Congressman, W. P. Kimball.

R. C. Heatt is the first to announce for county judge, but it is expected that there will be other candidates before the flag falls on the race. Mr. Heatt is now county sheriff, and has made a good one. He has a large number of friends in the county, and has his fences well laid so that he will be a hard man to beat, no matter who runs against him. His work as sheriff of the county has been very satisfactory to the people of the county, and Mr. Heatt has a large personal following. The others who have had their eyes on the sheriff's place have hesitated about entering the ring against Mr. Heatt, and it may be that he will not have any opposition for the place.

The race for Commonwealth's Attorney in this district promises to be exciting. Both candidates being from the same county, and both being strong men, who are popular, makes the race peculiarly interesting, and causes complications which will tend for excitement. Mr. Franklin and Judge Polsgrove are both well known men. Both have strong backing, and both will put up a good fight. This county will be the battle-ground, as both candidates live here, but either can win without this county, although each will try to carry it.

How the nomination for Commonwealth's Attorney will be made has not been determined, but it is probable that there will be a convention, with mass county conventions in the counties composing the district. This will be settled by the district committee at some time in the future. The election being a year off, there is plenty of time and things starting off this early show that the race will be good and hot before it is over.

Judge Polsgrove said that he would not have announced this early, and would have preferred to wait until after the election, but Mr. Franklin was openly a candidate, and he thought it just as well to get into the game too.

In making his announcement, Judge Polsgrove said:

"Believing it to be the duty of every Democrat to put the interests of his party about self, and to work for the success of the Democratic ticket in November, it was my personal wish and my intention, not to make any formal announcement of my candidacy until after the Presidential election, but as it has been stated in some parts of the district that there was but one candidate, and intimated that there would be

but one, I propose now to set the question at rest, and to remove any doubt that may exist in regard to it. I shall make the race.

"In making this announcement, I desire to state that, as the plea for an endorsement rightly belongs to one at this time, I feel that I am not unjustly interfering with the aspirations of any one else. I am yielding to what I hope may be deemed a laudable ambition to go a step higher, having been encouraged so to do by the solicitations of my friends.

"For my qualifications, as well as my political and official records, I refer the voters of the district to the bar and the people of my home county."

## KU-KLUX BAND IN THIS COUNTY.

The attention of County Judge James Polsgrove has been called to what has been an attempted raid by a Ku-Klux band in Franklin county several nights ago. State troops were sent to guard the house of the man who was threatened and they saw several men about the house, challenging one of them who entered the yard. Nothing was done by the raiders, but an investigation will be conducted by the county officials.

A man named Cook, who conducts a general store in this county, near the Shelby county line, in what is known as the Jacksonville neighborhood, went to Adjutant General P. P. Johnston and requested that soldiers be sent to protect him. Cook said that he had reason to believe that a crowd of men would try and do him injury that night. General Johnston sent three men to Cook's house, and they stood guard all night. About midnight several men were seen near the house, but they did nothing. One man walked into the yard and was halted by the soldier. He was indignant that he had been stopped and insisted that he was doing nothing. He was allowed to go on his way, as there was nothing against him.

It may have been that a body of men had planned to whip or duck Cook, although it is not known why they should desire to do him injury, unless it was that he had talked unwisely.

## Frankfort Man In Money At Lexington.

**JOHN MASTIN FINISHES SECOND IN HANDICAP TRAP SHOOT.**

The largest crowd of spectators and the greatest number of gunners on the firing line in the history of the Fayette Gun Club were present yesterday afternoon at grounds to witness and to enter the contest for the double trophy shoot, says the Lexington Herald.

Dr. C. W. Trapp, of Lexington with a handicap of six birds, won the E. P. Perry trophy, a handsome solid silver loving cup. One hundred and twenty-five birds were required in deciding the contest. All the way through there was a sharp contest and the trophy was not won until the last bird flew from the traps.

John Mastin, of Frankfort, handicap three, was second. Others in close succession were John Flood of Lexington, handicap four; Wilgus Luxon, of Lexington, handicap four, and Dr. Brown, of Mt. Sterling, handicap three.

Many of the crack shots of the club were present and from the standpoint of the spectators the exhibition amply repaid them for the walk from the end of the street car line to the grounds.

## May Be Three In Race For Senate.

A number of his friends have signed a petition asking Mr. G. W. Waddy to become a candidate for State Senator from this district. If he accepts, it will be a three-cornered race, Dr. W. R. Ray and Judge P. J. Beard having already announced their intention to run. This district would be well represented should either of these gentlemen be selected.—Shelby Record.

## TO RESTORE

**Monument Erected Here To Daniel Boone.**

**Sculptor Studying Life Of The Pioneer.**

**Union Soldiers Ruin Memorial To Hero.**

**CHIPS FROM IT AS SOUVENIRS.**

After several years delay, there is now good prospect of getting the Boone monument, in the cemetery here, restored to its original condition. The sculptor who is to restore the monument, is in Frankfort looking at pictures of Boone and studying the history and scenes and incidents in the life of the Kentucky pioneer so that he will be in the proper mood for making plates showing the life of Boone. It will be several months before the work is finished, and the monument restored, but when the sculptor gets through it is expected that the Boone monument will be as it was many years ago. The Legislature of 1906 appropriated \$2,000 for the restoration of the monument, but this has never been used, and the sculptor who was engaged many months ago, has just begun his work, for some reason being delayed.

When the Union soldiers were in Frankfort during the war they ruined the Boone monument by chipping off pieces to take back home as souvenirs. The act of vandalism in chipping the monument has been attributed to sight-seers generally, but it is said by the older inhabitants of Frankfort that the destruction of the monument was done by the soldiers. Since that time the monument has not been touched, it is said, and it was only during the war that the lower part of the monument was defaced as it has been. The Union soldiers, passing through Frankfort, or camped here for a time, wanted some souvenirs of Kentucky to take back with them, and they chose the Boone monument. They chipped off so many pieces of the base reliefs on the lower part of the monument that it was practically ruined. On each side of the monument was depicted, in marble, an act in the life of Boone. One side showed Boone killing an Indian and another showed Boone and a bear fighting. A third side depicted Boone's wife milking a cow, while the fourth side showed Boone sitting under his own vine and fig tree. All these have been ruined by the souvenir collectors, and the monument is now stripped of almost everything that would show to whom the monument was erected.

The work of the new sculptor will be to make new plates, to be fastened to the monument and to reproduce the scenes which were on the original monument. Plaster casts will be used and the marble reliefs made from this. The sculptor is one of the best known artists in Cincinnati, and is going to do the work as quickly as possible. Boone's body is resting in the State Cemetery here, and it is fitting that the monument erected by the State to the pioneer should be in perfect condition. Steps will be taken to prevent any further defacing of the monument.

A CREDITABLE PAPER.

A copy of the Jubilee Edition of the New-State Tribune of Muskogee, Okla. of which Ben Watt, formerly of this city, is manager, has been received here. The paper is unusually attractive and gotten up in handsome style. Ben Watt is making a big success in the newspaper business in his new home, and here's hoping he will soon make enough money to return to his first love and live on easy street.

## Elks Propose Trip To Boom Frankfort.

**PLAN TO SEND BIG UNIFORMED DELEGATION TO LOS ANGELES.**

Out of simply idle conversation between three newspaper men in the Governor's reception room the other day, while they were waiting to see Gov. Willson, may come one of the best schemes to advertise Frankfort that has yet been carried out or suggested. Jack Stuart and Shelton Saufley, both of whom are Elks, were talking to one of the other newspaper men, on general topics, when Mr. Saufley suggested that it would be a fine advertisement for Frankfort if the Elks could send about twenty men to Los Angeles when the Elks hold their next meeting. Mr. Stuart enlarged on the suggestion, and that night, at the meeting of the local lodge, proposed that the plan be taken up in earnest.

Mr. Stuart suggested that if twenty men, in uniform, could go to Los Angeles from Frankfort it would be the best advertisement for the city that could be devised and would get the city known all over the country, especially if one of the prizes could be won by the Frankfort aggregation. Every paper in the United States would print the winners in the various contests, and to win one of them would be easy for the Kentuckians. It is proposed to raise a fund to pay the railroad fare of those who would go on the trip, and each man going would pay his other expenses out of his own pocket. A minstrel show will be given anyhow, this having already been discussed. Several other entertainments could also be given and the local Elks are taking hold of the scheme with favor. The business men are interested, too, and would do their part.

## New Modern Front For Main Street Store.

**CRUTCHER & SIMPSON TO GREATLY IMPROVE APPEARANCE OF PLACE.**

Crutcher & Simpson are soon to have a new front to their store which will eclipse anything, even in Louisville, and nothing like it is to be found outside of the largest cities, where it is still new. A contract has been let by the firm to T. F. Matthews, who came here as one of the contractors on the new capitol, and work will begin within the next two weeks. The present store front will be removed and replaced entirely by a new one.

The new front will have a base of marble and the moulding for the entire front will be of aluminum. The transoms will be of prism glass and the big windows will have the best grade of plate glass in them. It will require several weeks to do the work but when it is finished Crutcher & Simpson will have the most modern store front in Frankfort or in the State, outside of Louisville.

## Mob Blows Up Barges And Shoots Two Men.

Dynamite was used by a mob at Caseyville to blow up towboats and barges belonging to the West Kentucky Coal Company, and hundreds of bullets were fired into the Fannie Wallace and Harvester, wounding John Goodall, engineer on the Harvester, in the stomach and hitting the night watchman in the foot. Without warning to the men on the boats, a loaded barge was blown up by dynamite and volley after volley of shots were fired into the two towboats.

A rain, wind and hail storm of terrific proportions struck Frankfort Friday afternoon about 4 o'clock and had everybody anxious for a few minutes. The rain fell in torrents and with it was hail, the stones being half an inch in diameter. The hail did some damage to growing grain and the hard rain beat down corn, but the extent of the storm could not be learned as we went to press. The fire alarm wires were crossed and sent in an alarm, but as the bell tapped only once it was not necessary for the department to go out. Many roofs leaked in Frankfort. The rain is greatly welcomed by the farmers, who needed water on their corn.